

NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) IS ACTIVATED SUPPORTING THE RECOVERY FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC, NYC CERT MEMBERS MUST WEAR FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

This weekly newsletter should provide you with helpful information that you can share and discuss with your community members.

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NYC CERT Basic Training Begins!

This year's Fall Basic Training cycle kicked off earlier this week. 40+ prospective CERT members are broken into two classes (as seen below). The students will be participating in virtual lectures with in-person exercises held at NYCEM.



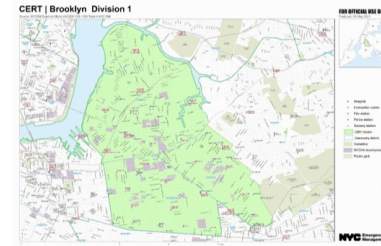
MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: MN

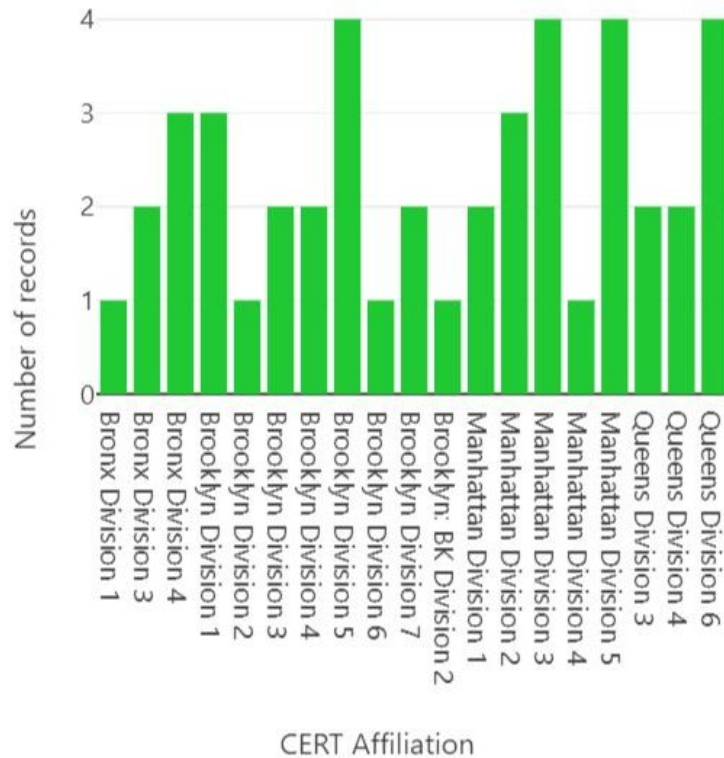
Scenario: What is the most recent drill your Division has conducted?

11/1 - Responding Borough: Brooklyn

Documents to Review:
Citywide Radio Drill Refresher
Call signs per Radio



Number of students per their assigned CERT Divisions



NYC CERT Division maps are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.

[Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) - [Queens](#) - [Staten Island](#)



View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours!](#)



HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

READY NEW YORK

If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the [Event Request form](#) to have your opportunity

No matter how you celebrate, help prevent the spread of COVID-19!

- **Stay home if sick.** Celebrate at home if you or your family members are not feeling well or have recently tested positive for COVID-19. If you are not fully vaccinated and were recently exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should also stay home.
- **Practice physical distancing.** Do not attend large gatherings, especially indoors. If you are not fully vaccinated, keep 6 feet of distance from others.
- **Wear a face mask.** You can have COVID-19 and not know it. If you are not fully vaccinated, wear a face mask in public places. Face masks are required when using public transportation, including taxis and ride shares.
- **Keep your hands clean.** Wash your hands often with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands and cover your coughs and sneezes. Make sure your hands and treats are clean before diving in.

[Click here for more tips and fun activities for a Safer Halloween.](#)



The **FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division** observed National Preparedness Month by hosting a series of [Ready Games](#).

Every Wednesday, the team hosted family friendly games where participants tested their knowledge of emergency management concepts. Participants learned about preparedness, and meet some new faces in the emergency management scene.

FEMA Region 2 were kind enough to share instructions and files necessary to implement these games with your CERT membership and community. View and Download the [Ready Game Toolkits](#) now!

published through Eventbrite.com for members to register.

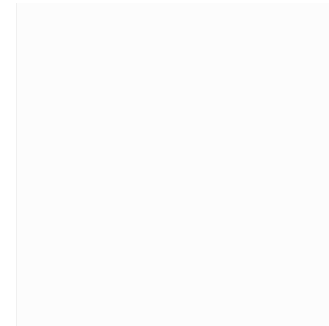
Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York Material Request](#) for upcoming events.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Family - St. Laurence Indoor Flea Market
Distribution of Ready New York preparedness material
Saturday, November 6, 2021, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Bay Ridge 5th Avenue
Open Street
Volunteers will support traffic management.
Fridays, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Veterans Day Parade

The United War Veterans council will host a virtual orientation prior to the event to provide assignment details.

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

All registered participants will be provided the date of the orientation when available.

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

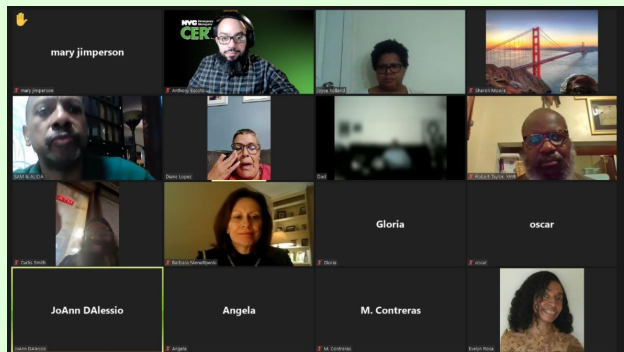
Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?



All Volunteer leadership should be encouraging active members to serve in a mentor role in order to support both their growth as leaders and provide new opportunities for newer members to become more engaged.

1. Complete the [NYC CERT Mentor Program form](#) to let us know if you'd like to be a mentor or mentee.
2. Complete the [Matching Questionnaire](#) to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



Manhattan Division 5 CERT hosted their monthly meeting this past week. During the meeting, they provided a recap of all summer events the division members participated in, while also discussing upcoming volunteer opportunities in the borough. Manhattan Borough leadership also addressed the need for members wearing the correct NYC CERT uniform and planning to collect sizes to request replacements from NYCEM.

NYC CERT program staff hosted a meeting this week to review Leadership Roles and Responsibilities. All active volunteers who were interested in stepping into a

leadership role were provided details and expectations for each role.

The current two-year term for Division Chiefs and District Leaders in Manhattan and Queens will be coming to a close as we transition to New leadership in January 2022. All who are interested should contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov.



Halloween at Gracie Mansion

NYC CERT members take a break from supporting crowd management at today's Halloween event hosted by the Mayor at Gracie Mansion. NYC CERT will be back tomorrow to support day two of Trick or Treating with the Mayor.



Queens Division 3 CERT members were joined by Queens Borough President, Donovan Richards as they distributed Ready New York preparedness material at the Forest Hills Street Fair in MacDonald Park last week.



[Download NYC CERT Background](#) for use during CERT meetings and training in a virtual environment (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Exploring the “Guides to Expanding Mitigation”: Communications Systems Guide

Wednesday, November 3, 2021
12:00PM - 12:30 PM

Please join **FEMA Region 2** for a webinar on how to expand the reach of mitigation activities by engaging telecommunications experts. Tune in for this timely discussion during Infrastructure Security Month.

[Register Here](#)



NewYork-Presbyterian

[Active Shooter Webinar](#)
[Wednesday, November 3, 2021](#)
[6:30 PM - 8:00 PM](#)

Bystanders and third parties all play a critical role in violence prevention when we observe those warning signs that a person may be radicalizing or mobilizing to violence. Attendees will be provided with the information needed to intervene, foster resilience in the communities we serve and work together toward the prevention of violent extremist recruitment.

[Register Here](#)

NewYork-Presbyterian’s Security and Emergency Management Department, in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (OTVTP)

CERT Radio Training

November Radio Training is Full!

The CERT Radio committee has added another in-person **Point-to-Point Radio training** at NYC Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn. This training is open to all members interested.

At the same time, members already citywide radio trained will have the opportunity to train towards becoming a **Network Control Operator (NCO)** and will support the point-to-point exercise portion of the class.

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

You must register for one of the three options: Student registration, Radio Committee Member Only, or NCO training (for Citywide trained volunteers)

Pre-requisite for members participating in the Point-to-Point training:

IS-242.b Effective Communications

Please send verification of completion to CERTtraining@oem.nyc.gov prior to the training date.

NYC CERT online platform includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

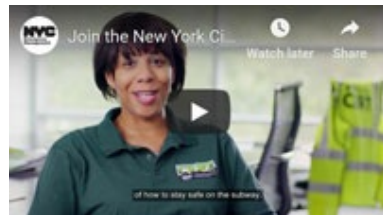
Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division at **FDNY Smart Fire Safety**.

FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar Catalog includes all recorded webinars from Jan-June of 2021.

COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience

DOHMH is offering free virtual training to community groups. There are two options, a **1-hour informational virtual presentation** and a **3-hour interactive training** (available in English, Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin).

THINGS TO KNOW



NYCEM's Youtube page

NYC CERT recruitment video

2021 National Volunteer Week video



Resolve to Be Ready Calendar

Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.

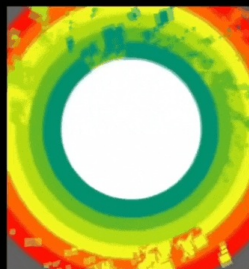


Listen to the NEW episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, *Prep Talk* ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and *iPrepárate!* on [SoundCloud](#).

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